

bankers are in the majority in your district. Give each side a square deal is all we ask.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Senter:

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned Democratic voters of Tarrant county, Texas, hereby represent to the honorable body, of which you are President, that in voting for the platform demands of the Democratic party at the last State election, it was not our intent to make any demands calling for legislation or innovations at variance with the time-honored principles of the Democratic party.

That we have all becoming and deferential respect for the leaders of our party, both National and State, both legislative and executive, in proportion to their adherence to true Democratic principles; but we deplore and condemn any tendency or effort, intentional or otherwise, on the part of any of them to lead the Democratic party astray, or force it into actions more tainted with Populism than bearing the native hues of democracy.

That we favor any bank guaranty under which each bank can be responsible for its own goodness, or want thereof; but we do not believe it to be just, reasonable or Democratic to require the good to pay the debts of the bad, or to penalize the competent for the benefit of the incompetent; and we do not believe that any necessity or emergency exists sufficient to justify the commitment of the Democratic party to such a policy.

Numerously signed.

#### FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Tuesday, April 20, 1909.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson presiding.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Adams.	Hayter.
Alexander.	Holsey.
Brachfield.	Hudspeth.
Bryan.	Hume.
Cofer.	Kellie.
Greer.	Masterson.
Harper.	Mayfield.

Meachum.	Terrell of Bowie.
Murray.	Terrell of McLennan.
Peeler.	Thomas.
Perkins.	Ward.
Real.	Watson.
Senter.	Weinert.
Stokes.	Willacy.

Absent.

Paulus.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Cofer, the same was dispensed with.

#### EXCUSED.

On account of important business:

Senator Hudspeth for yesterday, on motion of Senator Adams.

Senator Harper for yesterday, on motion of Senator Mayfield.

#### FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House bill No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation for the deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State government for the fiscal years ending August 31, 1905, August 31, 1906, August 31, 1907, August 31, 1908, and August 31, 1909, and to pay deficiencies such as may occur and be approved by the Governor during the fiscal years ending August 31, 1909, August 31, 1910, and August 31, 1911, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law, and for outstanding claims not registered, and declaring an emergency."

House bill No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 17 of the General Laws, passed by the Regular Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to create the Fifty-second Judicial District of the State of Texas, composed of the counties of Coryell, Hamilton and Comanche; to provide for the present district judge of the Forty-seventh District acting as judge of the Fifty-second District

until the next general election; and to provide for the appointment of a district attorney for the Fifty-second Judicial District; to amend Section 2, Chapter 51 of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved April 3, A. D. 1897; reorganizing the Forty-second Judicial District of Texas, to amend Section 29, Article 22, Title 4 of the Revised Statutes of 1895 of Texas, by reorganizing the Twenty-ninth Judicial District; to amend an act entitled "An Act to change and fix the terms of holding court in the Thirty-ninth Judicial District of the State of Texas," passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature, and approved May 9, 1899, to provide for the appointment of a judge of the Forty-second District, to fix the time of holding court in all the above named districts; to validate all writs and other processes heretofore issued out of the district courts of the said Twenty-ninth and Forty-second Districts of Texas; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency; the same to be and is hereby amended so as to change, fix and arrange and extend the time of holding court in the Twenty-ninth Judicial District of Texas, composed of the counties of Palo Pinto, Hood, Somervell and Erath, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills (see above House message for captions):

House bill No. 6, referred to Committee on Finance.

House bill No. 26, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senators Senter and Hume:

Senate bill No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require each corporation organized under the laws of this State to do a banking business," etc.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By Senator Willacy:

Senate bill No. 27, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend an act creating an independent school district to be known as Corpus Christi Independent School District," etc.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senators Terrell of McLennan and Harper:

Senate bill No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing any life insurance company incorporated under the laws of this State, at its option, to deposit securities equal in value to the legal reserve on its outstanding policies and annuity bonds for the benefit of all the holders thereof, and providing for the regulation and maintenance of such deposit, and the terms and purposes for which same shall be held; providing for additional reserve on extra hazardous risks; making it unlawful to pay certain persons for procuring insurance, and fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Senate bill No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Bronte Independent School District in Coke county, Texas," etc.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Senate bill No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Robert Lee Independent School District in Coke county, Texas," etc.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

(By unanimous consent, after the morning call had been concluded):

By Senators Hume, Murray, Kellie, Real, Adams, Perkins, Hudspeth, Watson, Ward, Senter, Terrell of McLennan, Peeler, Greer, Hayter, Bryan, Masterson, Cofer, Alexander, Stokes, Weinert, Harper and Meachum:

Senate bill No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the further improvement and maintenance of the San Jacinto State Park, under provisions of Chapter 48 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature; making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Finance Committee.

By Senators Meachum, Greer, Perkins and Harper:

Senate bill No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the more effective regulation and supervision of banking corporations; and providing for the better securing of depositors of such corporations; providing for and defining bond security banks; and providing for and defining guaranty fund banks; and providing that all banking corporations hereafter formed shall avail their depositors of the protection provided for by this act either for bond security banks or guaranty fund banks at their option; and that all banks heretofore incorporated and all banks incorporated prior to the adoption of the Constitution of 1876 and all National banks transacting business in this State, may, if they desire, at their option, voluntarily avail their depositors of the protection afforded by this act either as bond security banks or guaranty funds banks; amending Chapter 10 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, prescribing additional regulations and safeguards for the protection of depositors and the safe conduct of banking corporations; prescribing powers and duties of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and creating the State Banking Board and prescribing its powers and duties, and providing for penalties for the violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

#### SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Whereas, There is now pending in the United States Congress, a bill removing the duty from hides; and

Whereas, This would work a great loss to the cattle industry of Texas should this bill pass; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we request our United States Senators and Representatives to vote for and advocate a duty on hides so long as a duty remains on the manufactured article.

The resolution was read and adopted. Morning call concluded.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 11.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and regular order, Senate bill No. 11, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to grant a charter to the city of Amarillo, Potter county, Texas, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Veale being the author of the bill and he being absent,

Senator Alexander moved that the bill be laid on the table subject to call. The motion was adopted.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 15.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and regular order,

House bill No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 6, Section 8 of Article 2, Chapter 71 of the Local and Special Laws of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Dallas, Dallas county, Texas; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith,' and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Alexander, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 13.

Senator Terrell of McLennan called up Senate bill No. 13, and on his motion the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended, for the purpose of considering this bill (see Appendix for committee report), by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Ward.
Kellie.	Watson.
Masterson.	Weinert.
Mayfield.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Adams.	Sturgeon.
Paulus.	Veale.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring railroad companies

to provide adequate and suitable passenger and freight depot buildings at their several stations and requiring them to keep all their passenger depots well lighted and warmed for the comfort and accommodation of the traveling public and giving the Railroad Commission power to require compliance with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Terrell of McLennan, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—23.

Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Bryan.	Real.
Cofe.	Senter.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Hume.	Weinert.
Kellie.	Willacy.
Masterson.	

## Absent.

Adams.	Paulus.
Mayfield.	Sturgeon.
Meachum.	Veale.
Murray.	Ward.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—24.

Alexander.	Meachum.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Cofe.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Ward.
Kellie.	Weinert.
Masterson.	Willacy.

## Absent.

Adams.	Sturgeon.
Mayfield.	Veale.
Murray.	Watson.
Paulus.	

Senator Terrell of McLennan moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 10.

Senator Senter called up House bill No. 10, and on his motion the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended, for the purpose of considering this bill (see Appendix for committee report), by the following vote:

## Yeas—24.

Adams.	Masterson.
Alexander.	Meachum.
Brachfield.	Murray.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofe.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Hume.	Weinert.
Kellie.	Willacy.

## Absent.

Mayfield.	Terrell of McLennan.
Paulus.	Veale.
Perkins.	Watson.
Sturgeon.	

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Irving Independent School District in Dallas county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Senter, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—27.

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Real.
Cofer.	Senter.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Hume.	Watson.
Kellie.	Weinert.
Masterson.	Willacy.
Mayfield.	

## Absent.

Paulus.	Sturgeon.
Perkins.	Veale.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—26.

Adams.	Mayfield.
Alexander.	Meachum.
Brachfield.	Murray.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Hume.	Watson.
Kellie.	Weinert.
Masterson.	Willacy.

## Absent.

Paulus.	Terrell of McLennan.
Perkins.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	

Senator Senter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 15.

Senator Senter called up from the table House bill No. 15 (see former proceedings for caption).

The bill was read.

The committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and passed to third reading.

## RECESS.

There being nothing on the calendar, Senator Weinert moved that the Senate recess until 2 o'clock today.

Senator Stokes moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Action being on the longest time first, the motion to adjourn was lost by the following vote:

## Nays—26.

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Real.
Cofer.	Senter.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Hume.	Ward.
Kellie.	Watson.
Masterson.	Weinert.
Mayfield.	Willacy.

## Absent.

Hudspeth.	Sturgeon.
Paulus.	Veale.
Perkins.	

The motion to recess until 2 o'clock today was then adopted.

## AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.

## SECOND HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House bill No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Tronte Independent School District in Coke county, Texas, and defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees thereof, and defining their duties, powers and authority; authorizing said board of trustees to buy, assess and collect a tax of not exceeding 50 cents on \$100 of all property in said district subject to taxation for all purposes, including maintenance of its schools, purchasing and constructing public free school buildings and sites therefor within the district, and for equipping and furnishing the same, and to issue bonds for such buildings and purchasing and equipping and furnishing; and for subdividing tax levies when



made and the funds when collected, and providing for elections and the proposition to levy such taxes and to issue such bonds, and providing that the trustees when elected and qualified shall take over and assume control of public free school property and funds within and for the limit of the district and make use of the same for public school purposes and assume and pay all legal indebtedness and obligations now owed by or outstanding against said Bronte School District in Coke county, Texas, and investing said district and the board of trustees thereof with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed by general laws upon the independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof, formed by the incorporation of a town or village for free school purposes only under general laws, and declaring an emergency."

Senate bill No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and permit the territory situated within the bounds of the town of Myra in the county of Cooke and State of Texas, and other lands and territory adjacent thereto, to incorporate as an independent school district, for free school purposes only, to be known as the Myra Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

House bill No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Robert Lee Independent School District in Coke county, Texas, and defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees thereof, and defining their duties, powers and authority; authorizing said board of trustees to buy, assess and collect a tax of not exceeding 50 cents on \$100 of all property in said district subject to taxation for all purposes, including maintenance of its schools, purchasing and constructing public free school buildings and sites therefor within the district and for equipping and furnishing the same and to issue bonds for such buildings and purchasing and equipping and furnishing; and for subdividing tax levies when made and the funds when collected, and providing for elections and the proposition to levy such taxes and to issue such bonds and providing that the trustees when elected and qualified shall take over and assume control of public free school property and funds within and for the limits of the district, and make

use of the same for public school purposes and assume and pay all legal indebtedness and obligations now owed by or outstanding against said Robert Lee School District in Coke county, Texas, and investing said district and the board of trustees thereof with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed by general laws upon the independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof, formed by the incorporation of a town or village for free school purposes only under general laws, and declaring an emergency."

Senate bill No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 61 of an act passed by the Legislature of the State of Texas, in April, 1905, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Cleburne, in Johnson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs,' same being Chapter 47 of the Special Laws of Texas of 1905, so as to authorize the city council to vacate and close streets and alleys and to cede the same or any part thereof, and declaring an emergency."

House bill No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 122, 123 and 124 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, relating to teachers' certificates," with engrossed rider.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills (see above House message for captions):

House bill No. 17, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

House bill No. 44, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

House bill No. 43, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE.

Executive Office,  
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

To the Senate:

The advice and consent of the Senate is requested to the following appointment:

William D. Williams, of Tarrant county, to the office of Railroad Commissioner, vice Hon. J. J. Storey, deceased.

T. M. CAMPBELL,  
Governor of Texas.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION—TIME SET FOR.

Senator Brachfield moved that the Senate go into executive session Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock for the purpose of consideration of the above appointment.

The motion prevailed.

Here the Senate was at ease for about 40 minutes, and when order was called, Senator Cofer moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum. The roll was called, the following answering to their names, a quorum being present:

Brachfield.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Holsey.	Sturgeon.
Hume.	Terrell of Bowie.
Kellie.	Thomas.
Masterson.	Ward.
Mayfield.	Watson.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Absent.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hayter.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	

#### SENATE BILL NO. 6.

Senator Cofer called up

Senate bill No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and permit the territory situated within the bounds of the town of Myra, in the county of Cooke, and State of Texas, and other lands and territory adjacent thereto, to incorporate as an independent school district, for free school purposes only, to be known as the Myra Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

And moved that the Senate concur in the following House amendments:

Amend Senate engrossed bill No. 6

by striking out the word "and" in line 19, page 2, and by inserting the word "and" in line 20, page 2, just before the word "labor."

Amend same bill by striking out the word "entry" in line 25, page 10, and insert in lieu thereof the word "entry," and by inserting in same line after the word "thereof" the words "to be made."

The motion to concur prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Holsey.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hume.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Ward.
Masterson.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
Meachum.	Willacy.

Absent.

Adams.	Senter.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Veale.
Paulus.	

#### BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

House bill No. 16, "An Act creating the Stamford Independent School District in Jones county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

Senate bill No. 8, "An Act to amend Section 61 of an act passed by the Legislature of the State of Texas, in April, 1905, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Cleburne in Johnson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs,' same being Chapter 47 of the Special Laws of Texas of 1905, so as to authorize the city council to vacate and close streets

and alleys and to cede the same or any part thereof, and declaring an emergency."

### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Murray, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

### APPENDIX.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

House bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-fifth Judicial District; to name the counties composing the same; to fix the terms of holding courts therein; to provide for the extension and return of process issued out of said courts; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Watson, Chairman; Terrell of Bowie, Perkins, Masterson, Willacy, Harper, Ward.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, April 19, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Irving Independent School District in Dallas county, Texas, defining its boundaries, providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district, investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Alexander, Chairman; Real, Meachum, Willacy, Harper, Weinert, Brachfield, Bryan.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, April 19, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring railroad companies to provide adequate and suitable passenger and freight depot buildings at their several stations and requiring them to keep all their passenger depots well lighted and warmed for the comfort and accommodation of the traveling public; and giving the Railroad Commission power to require compliance with this act; and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Brachfield, Chairman; Terrell of McLennan, Mayfield, Bryan, Perkins, Masterson, Murray, Holsey.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 5, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State government for the fiscal years ending August 31, 1905; August 31, 1906; August 31, 1907; August 31, 1908, and August 31, 1909, and to pay deficiencies such as may occur and be approved by the Governor during the fiscal years ending August 31, 1909; August 31, 1910, and August 31, 1911, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with laws, and for outstanding claims not registered, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared



Senate bill No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act transferring the balances now to the credit, and future sums which may accrue, of the pure food fund, quarantine fees fund, Galveston station, and the Tyler city subsidy bond account into the general revenue of the State, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 642 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, as amended by Chapter 130, Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature; Chapter 43, Acts of the Twenty-sixth Legislature; Chapter 43, Acts of the Twenty-seventh Legislature; Chapter 129 of the Twenty-eighth Legislature; Chapter 62, Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, and Chapter 150 of the Thirtieth Legislature, by amending Subdivision 61 thereof, and authorizing the formation of corporations for the construction and operation of interurban electric, gas or gasoline, denatured alcohol or naphtha motor railways, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Amarillo Independent School District, to provide for the election of trustees, the issuance of bonds, the repeal of the original independent school district for Amarillo, and creating an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring railroad companies

to provide adequate and suitable passenger and freight depot buildings at their several stations and requiring them to keep all their passenger depots well lighted and warmed for the comfort and accommodation of the traveling public and giving the Railroad Commission power to require compliance with this act, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
WARD, Chairman.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Senter:

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned Democratic voters of Tarrant county, Texas, hereby represent to the honorable body of which you are President, that in voting for the platform demands of the Democratic party at the last State election, it was not our intent to make any demands calling for legislation or innovations at variance with the time-honored principles of the Democratic party.

That we have all becoming and deferential respect for the leaders of our party, both national and State, both legislative and executive, in proportion to their adherence to true Democratic principles; but we deplore and condemn any tendency or effort, intentional or otherwise, on the part of any of them to lead the Democratic party astray, or force it into actions more tainted with populism than bearing the native hues of Democracy.

That we favor any bank guaranty under which each bank can be responsible for its own goodness, or want thereof; but we do not believe it to be just, reasonable or Democratic to require the good to pay the debts of the bad, or to penalize the competent for the benefit of the incompetent; and we do not believe that any necessity or emergency exists sufficient to justify the commitment of the Democratic party to such a policy.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Stokes:

To the Representatives at Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned citizens and voters of Trinity county, Texas, wish to express our unqualified approval and endorsement of the various telegrams and petitions sent to members of the House and Senate from various portions of the State, to the ef-

fect that you pass the appropriation bill and adjourn.

There is no demand from the people for any further legislation at this time, and, in our judgment, the very best interest of the State will be subserved by suspending further effort to encumber our statutes with new and untried schemes of legislation.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Ward:

Hon. Pierce B. Ward, Senate, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We, your petitioners, citizens of Hill county, respectfully ask that you use your influence and vote against the proposed measure generally known as the Love-Cureton bank deposit guaranty bill, for the reasons that—

We are satisfied with the present excellent banking laws, both National and State, and believe with a proper enforcement of same that depositors and customers of the banks, State and National, will be fully and amply protected.

We are not in favor of the banks of the country forming a general partnership, or of banks guaranteeing the business of another where they have no voice or control in the management of another. We regard this measure as unfair, unbusinesslike and against the best interest of our State, in that it is unnecessary, expensive and experimental.

We would favor instead of the Love-Cureton bill, the Senter amendment, which authorizes any bank to insure its deposits at their option.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Murray:

Cuero, Texas, April 19, 1909.

Senator W. O. Murray, Austin, Texas:

We heartily commend your opposition to bank guaranty bill, which bill we regard as extremely hurtful to the people of Texas. We can send you petition in opposition should you so desire. The people are in accord with your course in the Legislature.

Numerously signed.

Rockport, Texas, April 19, 1909.

Hon. W. O. Murray, Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas:

Petition from here today commending your position favoring Senter-Hume bill contains signatures of every business man in this town who was in when called on.

J. W. PEOPLES.

Rockport, Texas, April 19, 1909.

Hon. W. O. Murray, Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas:

We commend your position in supporting Senter-Hume bank guaranty measure, providing for individual responsibility and ask you to oppose to the last ditch Cureton-Love bill, which forces all banks into an involuntary co-partnership.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Real:

Kerrville, Texas, April 16, 1909.

Senator Julius Real, Austin, Texas:

I am inclosing you an endorsement of your vote on the bank guaranty bill which will explain itself.

I only had a very short time to see the voters, but could get nine-tenths of the people if I had time. I really only had one man to refuse to sign this endorsement. Yours truly,

J. M. HAMILTON.

Kerrville, Texas, April 14, 1909.

Senator Julius Real, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned voters and citizens of Kerrville, Kerr county, heartily endorse your vote in favor of the Senter-Hume bank guaranty bill, in preference to the Cureton bill.

We do not favor any bank guaranty bill and believe the principle of same to be wrong; but if we are to have such a bill thrust upon us, we do not favor the many radical features of the Cureton bill, and therefore we favor the Senter-Hume bill as a choice between the two.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Hudspeth:

San Angelo, Texas, April 14, 1909.

Hon. C. B. Hudspeth, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Force the banks to secure the depositors at the bank's expense. They can easily get insurance or organize mutual insurance companies themselves. Your friend,

C. B. METCALF,

President Southern Cotton Growers' Association.

By the Chair:

To Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned farmers and business men of Midlothian, Texas, respectfully ask you to use your influence in the coming called session of the Legislature to defeat any legislation whereby a law might be passed forcing all

banks doing business under a State charter into a copartnership whereby the good and honest bank will become responsible for the loss caused by the dishonest. We are Democrats of the old school and do not believe in socialism. We do not care how strong you make the bank law, but let each bank stand on its own merits, and if you will pass stringent laws in regard to dishonesty in banks there will be no more bank failures in our opinion.

Approving of the way your office has acted so far, beg to remain,  
Numerously signed.

#### SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Thursday, April 22, 1909.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson presiding.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Bryan.	Real.
Cofer.	Senter.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hume.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Ward.
Masterson.	Weinert.
Mayfield.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Hudspeth.	Veale.
Meachum.	Watson.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Hume, the same was dispensed with.

#### EXCUSED.

On account of important business:

Senator Meachum for today, on motion of Senator Kellie.

Senator Veale for Monday, Tuesday and today, on motion of Senator Alexander.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Kellie:

Senate bill No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to encourage and foster the work of our State School of Correspondence, known and designated as Cosmopolitan Correspondence College, No. 2806 North Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

Morning call concluded.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 13.

On motion of Senator Adams, the pending order of business (House bill No. 15) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 13 by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Adams.	Murray.
Alexander.	Paulus.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Harper.	Real.
Hayter.	Stokes.
Holsey.	Sturgeon.
Hume.	Terrell of Bowie.
Kellie.	Terrell of McLennan.
Masterson.	Thomas.
Mayfield.	Weinert.

Absent.

Bryan.	Ward.
Greer.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.
Senter.	

Absent—Excused.

Meachum.	Veale.
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The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading.

House bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-fifth Judicial District; to name the counties composing the same; to fix the terms of holding courts therein; to provide for the extension and return of process issued out of said courts; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Adams, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading, and final passage by the following vote: